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Soviet Troops in Stockerau and Mistelbach

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REMARKS

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1. On 1 April 1952, about 55 men were observed drilling with AA guns having flash hiders. Five field grade officers including one lieutenant colonel, all of whom wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were seen.

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The drivers of these vehicles wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Six soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets and had come from the direction of the Prinz Eugen Kaserne entered the billets on Schaumannstrasse. About noon, 26 men armed with rifles and wearing black-bordered red epaulets some of them with artillery insignia entered the Artillerie Kaserne led by a captain who also wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. \*

2. On 31 March, 16 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets were doing close order drill under the command of an officer in the Erzherzog Karl Kaserne in Mistelbach (P 49/S 53). there also were red-bordered black epaulets. No motor vehicle traffic was seen. The cantonment was guarded by soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets and were posted on two watch towers. Some soldiers, who wore red-bordered black epaulets and oil-stained, fur-lined jackets, were observed in the cantonment. The noise of repair work was heard from the building of the installation. Outside the cantonment, a tank dummy, on which close combat destruction of enemy tanks was apparently practiced, was seen. A soldier wearing black-bordered red epaulets was observed looking out of the window of the kommandatura on Hauptplatz. \*\*

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\* Comment. The observations made in Stockerau do not furnish any new information.

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\*\* Comment. A tank repair shop is believed to be located in Mistelbach.

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